STOGURSEY NEWS



October 2025

Deadline for **NOVEMBER 2025** contributions: 10.00am Wednesday 15th OCTOBER 2025

Editorial

As the nights start to draw in and the days get cooler, the tempo of life in Stogursey is getting hotter. There is a lot to look forward to during October, and such a range of activities to enjoy.

How about starting to grow your own fruit and veg by taking on an allotment, or trying out a ukulele; perhaps indulge in a bit of "Come Dancing" at the Barn Dance, or maybe test your knowledge at the "Spooky Quiz" at the Victory Hall?

Stogursey Arts Festival is upon us with a wide range of visual and musical events, but there's lots more going on in and around about. Checkout the information section from Fiddington, I can recommend anything involving cake.

The Editorial Team

Stogursey-Online.uk

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- Prepare your contribution as a straightforward text document (no boxes, tables or pdfs please)
- * Attach it to an email, and send to: stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com

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- Please submit by the deadline date published at the top of this page.
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- Send your contribution for each and every month that you would like it published.
- If you include an illustration, it must be copyright free. (Stogursey News will not be liable for costs resulting from prosecution if this condition is ignored.)

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Regular Events				
Monday	*60+ Rehabilitation Fitness Class (weekly) *Spinal Mobility, Balance & Strength Class (weekly) Health Walks - Level One (weekly) Contact: https://www.sasp.co.uk/sedgemoor	Victory Hall Victory Hall Steart Marshes Car Park	9.30am - 10.40am 11.00am - 12 noon 2.00pm	
Tuesday	*Core Stability - Pilates-based (weekly) Tai Chi Shibashi for over-50s (weekly) (Contact AgeUK 01823 345 624) Stogursey Lunches (weekly, except 1st Tues of month) Bingo (weekly) Parish Council Meeting (2nd Tuesday of month) Meditation (1st & 3rd Tuesday of month) Short Mat Bowls (weekly) Contact: Ron 01278 732688 Quantock Tennis Club (1st Tuesday of month)	Victory Hall Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms St Audries Centre Victory Hall St Andrew's Church,Lilstock Victory Hall Multi-sport court, Victory	9.00am - 10.00am 10.30am Doors Open 12 noon Eyes Down 2.00pm 7.00pm 7.15pm 7.30pm - 9.00pm 3.00pm - 5.00pm	
Wednesday	Forget-Me-Not Café (alternate Wednesdays) Ukulele Sessions (alternate Wednesdays) Sea Shanty Singers (alternate Wednesdays)	Jubilee Rooms To be arranged To be arranged	10.30am - 12 noon 7.30pm - 9.30pm 7.30pm - 9.30pm	
Thursday	Health Walks - Level Two (weekly) Contact - https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks Mobile Library visit (once every four weeks) Youth Club (weekly) Sing for Fun Group (every 2nd & 4th Thursday of month) Stogursey Arts Photographic Society (SAPS) (2nd Thurs of month. Contact 5 St Andrews Rd, Stogursey)	Steart Marshes Car Park Shurton & Stogursey Youth Club Victory Hall Various locations	10.00am as per schedule 6.30pm - 8.30pm 7.00pm - 8.30pm 7.00pm	
Friday	Toddler & Baby Group (term-time only) Friday Social Café (weekly) Quantock Tennis Club (weekly) Contact John Nicholson 01278 732711 / JFJnicholson@talktalk.net	Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	9.30am - 11.30am 10.00am - 12 noon 10.00am - 12 noon	
Sunday	Quantock Tennis Club (weekly)	Multi-sport court, V Hall	10.00am - 12 noon	
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Weds 1 & Thursday Friday Saturday Wednesday Friday Friday Saturday Saturday Sunday Monday	Victory Hall AGM Quiz Night 'Spooky Traditions of Somerset' Big Breakfast Forget-me-not Café Singing for Fun Lantern Parade Music & Poetry Family Cooking: Puff pastry pesto snails Organ recital Craft demonstrations Serenade for the Festival	Victory Hall Victory Hall Victory Hall Victory Hall Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms Victory Hall Stogursey School Jubilee Rooms Victory Hall St Andrews Church Victory Hall St Andrews Church	9.30am - 2.00pm 7.00pm 7.00pm 10.00am - 11.30am 10.30am - 12 noon 7.00pm - 8.30pm 5.30pm 7.30pm 9.30am - 12.30pm 5.00pm 1.00pm - 3.00pm 7.00pm	
Tuesday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Saturday Sunday Wednesday Thursday Friday	Parish Council monthly meeting Sea Shanty Singers The Strummers of Stogursey Open Mic Night Family Cooking: Cheese & broccoli scones Barn Dance Thanksgiving Service Forget-me-not Café Singing for Fun	Jubilee Rooms Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms Jubilee Rooms Victory Hall Victory Hall Victory Hall St Andrews Church Jubilee Rooms Victory Hall Victory Hall Victory Hall Victory Hall	3.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 9.30am - 12.30pm 7.00pm 6.00pm 10.30am - 12 noon 7.00pm - 8.30pm 6.30pm - 11.00pm	

OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	5 th October	12 th October	19 th October	26th October
	Trinity 16	Trinity 17	Trinity 18	Bible Sunday
Cannington St Mary	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion
Combwich St Peter	11.15am HARVEST FESTIVAL	6.00pm Prayer & Praise	11.15am Holy Communion	4.00pm Family Service
Fiddington St Martin	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Family Service
Stockland St Mary Magdalene		11.15am HARVEST FESTIVAL		11.15am Holy Communion
Stogursey St Andrew	10.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Café Church at the Jubilee Rooms
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Regular Weekday Services

Tuesdays	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church
	0.00		<u>-</u>

Thursdays 9.00am Prayer Meeting Combwich, St Peter's Church

Fridays 9.00am Holy Communion Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church

Babes and Tots Play Group Tuesdays (termtime) 9.00am - 11.30am Cannington Village Hall

Get Togethers

Thursdays	10.00am	Coffee Club	Cannington Church
Fridays	10.30am	Social Café	Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey
3 rd Thursday	3.00pm	Tea & Chat	Village Hall, Fiddington

Bellringing

Tuesdays	7.30pm	Cannington Church
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Wednesdays 7.00pm Stogursey Church (1st Wed) / Fiddington Church (2nd -5th Wed)

Fridays 7.00pm Combwich Church (1st and 3rd Fri)

All are always welcome to any of our services

Revd Alison Waters, Rector & Revd Jan Church, Associate Priest 01278 652953 / cannington.benefice@gmail.com



Welcome to the first edition of 'Allotment News' which we hope will become a regular feature in the parish newsletter. The current allotment holders are keen to promote the benefits of the allotments to the village and to individuals who may be interested in taking one on, as well as sharing our news, successes - and disasters as the months pass by. For those of you who don't know, the allotments are located behind Burgage Road near the play area.

Allotments date back to the Anglo Saxon period when people were 'allotted' strips of land to grow food for their families and community. Allotments evolved through significant social and legislative changes and became particularly important during the two World Wars as part of the 'Dig for Victory' campaign which encouraged people to supplement food rationing by growing their own. Today it is estimated that there are in excess of 330,000 allotments in the UK.

Stogursey Garden Allotments are managed and let by the Parish Council. Some years ago they decided to divide each standard sized plot in half thus enabling more people to benefit. There are around 20 'half size' plots and a further 5 smaller 'raised bed' plots.

Did you know? The standard (full) allotment size was measured in 'rods' - 10 rods – which is approximately 250 square meters.

Despite the long dry summer the allotments have been very productive and we are still harvesting soft fruit, runner beans, courgettes, beetroot, squash, pumpkins, tomatoes, potatoes, apples and much more. The autumn tidy-up will soon be underway and as the nights draw in thoughts will turn to next year's growing plans.

If anyone is interested in taking on an allotment please get in touch with the Clerk to the Parish Council by emailing clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk and she will be able to give you the most up-to-date information on availability and cost (currently £20 per annum).

Now is a really good time to take on a plot as the Parish Council has recently strimmed and cleared all the vacant plots so you will quite literally have a blank canvas to start with. In addition, all of the current holders will be very happy to chat to you about what it entails (call in if you are passing to see if anyone is there). We are a very friendly bunch and look forward to making new allotment friends.

Stogursey Allotment Holders

BIG BREAKFAST £14 SMALL BREAKFAST £10

Stogursey Victory Hall 10:00am - 11:30am



We're back!
Join us for a Big Breakfast on
Saturday 4th October,
in aid of Stogursey Victory Hall.

Booking preferred, please contact: Denise 07453 381 844 or Jo 07747 495 716

Transport available - please ask See you there!

JUBILEE ROOMS, Castle Street, Stogursey

Lovely rooms available to hire for any event.

Several events happen regularly -

WEEKLY

- Stogursey Lunches on Tuesday (except 1st Tuesday in the month.)
- Friday Social Café 10.00am-12.00noon. Enjoy lively chatter, magazines and papers provided.
 Refreshments include homemade Victoria sponge, biscuits, scones, tea, coffee, latte, squash.
- Ballet lessons on Saturday mornings, two sessions 10.00am -10.45am and then again at 11.00am -11.30am for the little ones. This is with a Royal Academy of Dance tutor. Any questions on ballet please refer to Megan at the Spar.

FORTNIGHTLY

Forget-me-not Café meets on alternate Wednesdays 10.30am - 12.00noon. Activities, entertainment and lively chatter. Occasional trips out. Contacts are in Stogursey News.

MONTHLY

Church Café on last Sunday in month - 10.00am -12.00noon

Music Jam. various dates will be advertised.

Also various events throughout the year.

Come and see, you may want to hire for your birthday party, wedding reception, wake, baby shower or just for a family get-together. Reasonable rates.

Contact Rose-Marie Barrett on rosechalk@icloud.com.

Caretaker

- 3 months, potential for extension

Stogursey Victory Hall Committee are looking for a reliable and proactive Caretaker to provide a high-quality, customer-focused caretaking and maintenance service for an initial 3 month period. The ideal candidate will have experience with general repairs, health and safety, and a strong commitment to site cleanliness and safety.

Key Responsibilities

- Conduct regular maintenance checks and repairs to the buildings and grounds.
- Troubleshoot and address minor electrical, mechanical, and plumbing issues.
- Ability to check and monitor technical systems such as CCTV, internet and heating.
- Ensure the premises are secure and safe at all times.
- Liaising with the committee on matters arising and to ensure minimal disruption during maintenance.
- · Maintain accurate records of site checks and repairs.
- Oversee cleaning duties and ensure public areas are tidy and presentable.
- Respond promptly to emergencies or urgent maintenance tasks.
- Implement and monitor health and safety measures on-site.

Requirements

- Experience in a similar caretaking or maintenance role (minimum 2 years preferred).
- Basic knowledge of mechanical and electrical systems.
- Good communication and decision-making skills.
- · Strong understanding of health and safety regulations.
- Ability to work independently but also able to work alongside committee members and volunteers.
- · UK work authorisation.

Pay & Hours

- Pay: £12.50–£14.00 per hour, depending on experience.
- Hours: Part-time (on average 10 hours a week, flexibility will be key)
- This will be an initial 3 month trial

How to Apply

Please submit your CV and a brief cover letter outlining your relevant experience and earliest start date to info@stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk.
Thank you.

A fund raising event for the Jubilee Rooms

- 'How well do you know these household objects from Yester-Year?'
- 'Could you identify them in a quiz and win a prize for your knowledge?'

Now is your opportunity to have a go!!!

Join Chris & Sally Bult
for a Most revealing QUIZ,
followed by Afternoon Tea

TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER

3.00pm

JUBILEE ROOMS, STOGURSEY

Tickets £10 to include full afternoon tea, available from:

Helen - sjrsecretary@gmail.com Rose - sjrbookings&@gmail.com

White Butterflies by Jan Ford

No brassicas
In our parched Stogursey garden.
Small Whites abound there,
Drawn to blue flowers;
Herbs, Lobelia are the favourites.
A successful late breeding season:
There's still plenty of action!

The rain has started.
Too late for field crops,
Welcomed by gardens.
Fewer Whites, more Red Admirals
Take advantage of sunny spells.
Grass greening by the day now
Dotted by downy white feathers
Drifting from the roof-top
Like white butterflies.



The Week in a Nutshell

- Friday 10 Oct Opening Night Lantern Parade. Meet at the Primary School to leave at 5.30pm (bring a hi-viz if you have one). We'll light up the village and walk down to the church for the official opening and refreshments. You will get a first chance to see the exhibitions, crafts & flowers.
- Fri 10 Oct Music & Poetry, Jubilee Rooms, 7.30pm. Home-cooked food available to buy, Bar open.
- Sat 11 Oct Organ Recital, Church, 5.00pm.
 Classical music in a stunning setting. £10 on the door (cash or card). Refreshments served.
- Sun 12 Oct Craft Demonstrations, Victory Hall, 1.00pm 3.00pm. See local makers in action.
- Mon 13 Oct Serenade for the Festival, Church, 7.00pm. A mix of show tunes, folk, classical, and sing-alongs. Refreshments available.
- Tues 14 Oct Stogursey Lunches, Jubilee Rooms, Lunch served at 12.30pm. Booking essential, call 07856 147324 by Friday 10 Oct.
- Wed 15 Oct Sea Shanty Singers, Jubilee Rooms, 7.30pm. A taster session. Bar open.
- Thu 16 Oct The Strummers Of Stogursey, Jubilee Rooms, 7.30pm. Ukelele taster session, ukuleles available to borrow. Bar open.
- Fri 17 Oct Open Mic Night, Victory Hall, 7.30pm. Bar open from 6.00pm.
- Sat 18 Oct Barn Dance, Victory Hall, 7.00pm. Live music, dancing, and a ploughman's supper. Bar open. Tickets in advance: £12 adult, £6 child, £30 family (2 adults & 2 under-15s) from Spar Shop or email saftickets2@gmail.com. On the door tickets: £10, ploughman's supper extra subject to availability.
- Sun 19 Oct Thanksgiving Service, Church, 6.00pm. A gentle, communal way to close the festival followed by a Bring-and-Share supper.

The Stogursey Arts Festival

is nearly here!

Ten days of flowers, music, art, parade, food, and plenty of chances to get involved.

This is YOUR village art festival – and everyone's welcome.

Come along, join in, and be part of it!

Exhibition in the Church

The church will be packed with incredible displays including flower dressed mannequins, flower displays, crafts and works inspired by the Bayeux Tapestry.

- Church open daily from 12noon 4.00pm (until Sunday 19 Oct)
- Open late Tuesday until 8.00pm

Please join in the Lantern Parade

The Festival magic begins with **our first ever Lantern Parade!**

The older children at school will be busy making their lanterns, and we will be providing glow sticks for younger ones — but we'd love grown-ups to join in too.

Why let the kids have all the fun?

All it takes is a few sticks, tape, paper, a battery powered tealight (or the torch on your phone) and some imagination.

It really would be great if we could get a lot of people along to the parade. See w=BhNJWXru-Kw for an idea of what one might look like.

Lastly

Please see **www.stogurseyarts/festival** for more information about the festival.







STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey

FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS 10.30am – 12.00 noon

Café Dates:

Wednesday 8th October

The Strummers of Stogursey will play for us
 Wednesday 22nd October
 Wednesday 5th November

Wednesday 19th November

- The Blackdown Hillbillies will play for us

Wednesday 3rd December Wednesday 17th December

- Christmas Celebrations in the Jubilee Rooms

NEWS: We're looking forward to some music and welcoming our lovely friends the Strummers and The Blackdown Hillbillies.

FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉS provide support, companionship and a warm welcome to those who are recognising issues with their memory, as well as their family, friends or carers.

There are a variety of activities, some involving existing local groups, such as music, singing, arts, crafts, poetry, bingo, guizzes, or just a guiet chat a coffee.

We are a voluntary group, financed by donations and fundraising events.

The Café runs fortnightly, planned so that the café is open the alternate week to Watchet Forget-me-Not Café.

Many friendships have been made over the years. Please come along and see what we do, you will receive a warm welcome.

VOLUNTEERING: We have a lovely group of friendly volunteers, but we always need extra help at the Forgetme-Not Café: making teas and coffees, washing up, or chatting to people. Why not pop in one Wednesday for a cuppa and say hello and see if you'd like to volunteer.

All are welcome from the neighbouring villages.

For more information please contact:

Helen: 01278 733451 cuttellhelen@gmail.com Rose: 07507 374234 rosechalk@icloud.com







Forthcoming events in Fiddington

Book Swap and Coffee morning

4th October, Village Hall, 10am to 12 midday, as per the first Saturday of each month. £2 entry incl. coffee and entry; £3 if toast as well; £7 for cooked breakfast. For details, phone Ruth Brazier 07721 012178.

Tea & Chat

(St Martin of Tours/Village Hall) - on the third Thursday of the month (16th October) from 3pm to 5pm. Join us for tea, homemade cakes and friendly company. For enquiries, contact Jackie Matthews 01278 732175.

Fiddington Art Group

Village Hall, each Wednesday morning from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

If you are interested in joining or would like further information please contact Sue Young 01278 733554 or Richard Brazier 01278 734565.

Jumble Sale

2pm, Saturday, 8th November, Village Hall. 50p entry. Refreshments available. Jumble can be delivered between 10.30 and 11.30am. Any queries, contact a committee member.

Sausage Sizzle & Quiz

(St Martin of Tours/Village Hall) -Saturday 15th November; doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start. Enjoy a locally produced sausage supper before testing your knowledge. Cost £10 per person.

Village Hall Committee

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING; Monday 17th November at 7pm. All welcome to attend.

Christmas Dinner

Saturday 13th December, 7pm. For enquiries phone Carol Taylor 07870 238102.

VICTORY HALL NEWS

Hi all,

Well what a fabulous summer!

Last month we continued with regulars such as Short Mat Bowls, quiz night and fortnightly singing group;

plus Cash Bingo to raise money for a keyboard (which just needs to be purchased now). The Radio 4 'Any Questions' evening was a great success. It was another great Open Mic evening with many thanks to Colin Pye & David Larkins (next date is 17th October, 7.00pm till late. Bar is open too.)

Our first ever Comedy Night - gosh what a night! A fabulous number of people came for this event - a huge thank you!! The plan is to hold one every 2 months - date to be set. A huge thanks to Davy who puts the show together, plus a big shout out to Jo Cavill who brought the idea to us and worked tirelessly to make this evening such a success.

Sunday Lunch restarted on 14th September with 48 to lunch! Another shout out to Denise, Janet, Shelley, Ian & helpers - a delicous lunch.

Thanks to all who use the hall, have a lottery ticket, attend events and help in many ways.

Stogursey Victory Hall AGM - 2nd October at 7.00pm.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for someone to work beside Jo Cavill as treasurer to support and possibly take over next October.

Would you like to join our committee? We would love for others to join us, perhaps you have some new ideas, skills or just able to lend a hand. Please do come along, everyone welcome!

October Dates

Weds 1st NHS Covid Vaccinations 9.30am- 2.00pm. Walk-in (For those over 75 & those who are immunocompromised).

Thur 2nd AGM - 7.00pm

Fri 3rd Quiz Night - 'Spooky Traditions of Somerset'.

7.00pm, 7.30pm start. £2 each, teams of 4-6

Sat 4th Big Breakfast (see separate poster)

Weds 8th NHS Covid - as above

Thur 9th Singing for Fun - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Thur 23rd Singing for Fun - as above

Fri 31st Haunted Halloween Hall - (see separate notice)

November Dates

Fri 7th Quiz Night Sun 9th Sunday Lunch

December Dates

Weds 3rd Christmas Bingo Sat 6th Christmas Market

Sat 6th King Alfreds Carol Concert 7.00pm, £10 a ticket

Sun 14th Christmas Lunch 12noon - 2.00pm

Weds 31st New Year's Eve Party



Family Cooking: Seasonal Cooks and Bakes Stogursey Victory Hall

Sat 11th October - Sat 1st November 2025:

09:30 - 12:30 | Three Sessions

Join us for three weeks of enjoyable, wholesome baking, perfect for children aged 5+ to take part in with their families. Each week we will create something delicious using fresh seasonal ingredients and simple skills that everyone can try.

Week 1 -11th Oct - Puff Pastry Pesto Snails

Flaky, golden puff pastry swirled with fresh basil pesto. A fun and tasty way for little hands to help roll and shape.

Week 2 - 18th Oct - Cheese & Broccoli Scones Warm, fluffy scones packed with cheesy goodness and hidden vegetables. Ideal for picnics, lunchboxes, or after- school snacks.

Week 3 - 1st Nov - Mini Healthy Pizzas

Colourful, vegetable-topped pizzas that you can design yourself. Crisp bases, fresh toppings and plenty of family fun.

All recipes are family-friendly, easy to make and use simple, healthy ingredients.

Call Somerset Skills & Learning for more information / book online - 0330 332 7997 sslcourses.uk

What do I need to know?

Free for those 19+ who are unemployed, earn less than £25,000 per year, live in Somerset, have lived in the UK for the last 3 years or who have refugee status.

✓ Fees apply for those who do not fit this criteria.

Solution to Crossword No. 64 SEPTEMBER 2025

ACROSS

1.Acerbic, 5.Jacob, 8.Glengarry, 9.Lea, 10.Samfu, 12.Oversee, 13.Eavesdropping, 15.Parsnip,

17.Galah, 19.WAC, 20.Maelstrom, 22.Risky,

23.Sashays

DOWN

1.Argus, 2.Eke, 3.Bagpuss, 4.Cartographers, 5.Joyce, 6.Celestial, 7.Boateng, 11.Mavericks, 13.Empower, 14.Pegasus, 16.Nimby, 18.Homes, 21.Ria

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

August Draw 2025

1 st Prize	£25.00	Libby Hutton	No. 99
2 nd Prize	£15.00	Sylvia Nicholls.	No. 75
3 rd Prize	£10.00	John Baker	No. 32

HAUNTED HALLOWEEN HALL

Friday 31st October

in the Victory Hall

6.30pm - 8.00pm

Open for families -

- ☆ Fancy Dress competion
- Bring a carved pumpkin
- Apple bobbing,
- ☆ Gruesome games

Music & fun - £2 a head

8.00pm -11.00pm

Families can stay on for Spooky Karaoke

BAR OPEN

Quantock Quilting and Sewing Group

Held at St Mary's Church Centre, Nether Stowey 2nd & 4th Monday each month 10am - 1.00pm

Our new term started on 8th September. Come and join us. New members always welcome. No experience necessary. We are a very friendly group.

Our Christmas Fayre this Year is on 22nd of November. SAVE THE DATE

If you would like to book a sales table, please call:-Gill Griffiths 01278 733709

For any further queries please contact Sue 07956 925787, or Lyn 01278 732576, or Anna 01278 652307



invites you to

"In The Beginning There Was a Riot ..."

the creation of professional police forces in 1836 by Alan Vowles Avon & Somerset Police

Monday 27th October – Kilve Village Hall

2.00pm - 4.00pm Refreshments will be served

Website https://quantock.u3asite.uk/

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025

I can't believe we are now planning the third Festival the time has just romped away!

For anyone new to this, the Festival involves individuals/ groups/organisations making or 'adopting' a Christmas tree and/ or its decoration. The project has been designed as an 'open brief' because we want to encourage all involved to get creative and have some fun!

You may want to work to a traditional Christmas theme, using symbols of Christmas for example, or you may want to use the opportunity to identify your group or business through making your own decorations that say something about you; the choice is yours and we know from the past 2 years that there are some VERY inventive people living in and around Stogursey!

Like last year, the Festival will take place to include the Carol Service and therefore it will open the evening of either **Wednesday 17**th or **Thursday 18**th **December** and close on Christmas Eve; confirmed times and dates in next month's Stogursey News.

Again, we plan to make a bulk purchase of trees from Secret Valley, in order to keep a visual continuity. We are asking for a £5 entry fee (regardless of whether you make your own tree or plan to 'adopt' one of the real ones) and will be happy to receive any additional donations towards the cost of the trees. The entry fee is used entirely to subsidise costs to enable everyone to enter.

We had a very successful fundraising evening in August, when our friends Scarecrow put on an evening gig, which combined with the small carry forward from last year gives us a really good starting base but anything extra would be greatly appreciated and will enable us to keep the entry fee at £5.



For further information and an entry form, please contact Pauline Kaye by telephone 01278 734550 or email: pfkaye@yahoo.co.uk.

Stogursey Parish Council News

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **14**th **October 2025**, 7.00pm at the Stogursey Victory Hall. All are welcome.

Allotments

We have received a great deal of interest concerning the availability of allotment plots. There are one or two still available. If you are interested, please contact:

Ann Corrigan:

□ clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk
 © 01278 732181

Speed indicator devices

A big thank you to the reader who located our missing post! We are obtaining a replacement unit, and it should be in place very soon.

Defibrillator and CPR awareness training session

Several of you have requested another Defibrillator and CPR awareness training session. Stogursey Parish Council, in conjunction with Southwest Ambulance Service, is hosting a free training evening in October.

Date: Wednesday 22nd October

Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Location: The Victory Hall, Stogursey

Reserve your place asap.

Parking: plenty of spaces available

Please contact Ann to book your place.

© 01278 732181

Sclerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

Somerset Council Sunday Parking Charges Consultation

Somerset Council is proposing to introduce Sunday parking charges to harmonize practices across the county. Under the previous five councils there were different approaches to Sunday charges in car parks. There are currently Sunday charges at many car parks, including Watchet, Minehead, Wells, Glastonbury, Cheddar, Street, Frome, Shepton Mallet, Williton and Burnham-on-Sea. However, there are no charges currently in Taunton, Wellington, Bridgwater, Chard. Crewkerne, Yeovil and Highbridge.

Consultation Period: 8 September – 20 October 2025 Have your say: Take part in the consultation https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/parking/copy-of-consultation Final decisions expected on 3 December 2025; changes would take effect in 2026.

News from The Quantock Medical Centre

This is a reminder that the **Covid Team** will be attending the Practice on **Friday 10th October 2025** to hold a **Walk in Clinic** from **9.30am - 4.00pm** for anyone locally who needs a covid vaccination (those over 75 years and those who are immunocompromised).

We will be holding our **Flu Clinics** on the following dates this year so please do call us on 01278 732696 to book an appointment.

Wednesday 1st & 8th October Saturday 4th & 18th October

Last year over 300 patients who would usually get their flu vaccination at the Medical Centre went to a Pharmacy or had it during their covid vaccination which meant that we had to throw away 300 vaccines, the equivalent of £3000.

So, if you are eligible, please do support the Practice and come to us for your vaccine.

WHO CAN HAVE THE SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION

Eligible groups for the 2025 to 2026 season:

- Aged 2 and 3 years on 31 August 2025
- *Those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups (Diseases of the Heart, Lung, Kidney, Liver, Blood, Asthma, COPD, Diabetes, Weakened Immune System, Stroke, or with a BMI of 40 or higher.
- Pregnant women
- All those aged 65 years and over
- Carers, those in receipt of carer's allowance or main carer of an older or disabled person
- Household contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- Frontline health and social care staff
- Children in Reception to Year 11 to be done in schools

Thank you for your support

Helen Stacey, Practice Manag



Tuesday 7 October 2025

No lunches today

Tuesday 14 October 2025

(book by Friday 10 October phone 07856 147324)

Cottage pie (beef) and vegetables OR

Stuffed red pepper, cashew butter sauce, tomato salad & roasted beetroot

Lemon meringue pie

Tuesday 21 October 2025

(book by Friday 17 October phone 07856 147324)

Cheesy Chicken, Leek and Butternut Squash bake, served with creamy mashed potato and vegetables OR

Cheddar cheese smashed potato pie with spinach, leek and broccoli, served with baked tomatoes and vegetables.

Gooseberry Eve's pudding, served with cream or custard

Tuesday 28 October 2025

(book by Friday 24 October - phone 07856 147324)

Lemony baked cod, with potatoes and vegetables OR

Caulifower cheese lasagne, with vegetables and garlic bread

Pears poached in red wine, or non-alcoholic version, served with ice cream.

*MENUS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Stogursey Community Network (SCN)OCTOBER 2025

Contact us at: stogurseycommunitynetork@gmail.com,

or on our new Tel No: 07856 147324.

EXCEPT for Medical Transport (use dedicated number given below).

STOGURSEY LUNCHES - Book in advance on: **07856 147324** Doors open 12.00, we serve from 12.30pm.

Everyone is very welcome to enjoy our wonderful home-cooked meals. Come along with friends or make new friends. We welcome children at the Lunches, meals are FREE for under-12 year olds (children to be accompanied by a responsible adult). A vegetarian option is always available, and we can cater for special diets / preferences on request at time of booking.

Where: Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey

When: Tuesdays (except the first Tuesday of the month)

<u>Cost</u>: Payment is by anonymous cash donation.

(Please pay what you can afford to help cover our costs. If you can afford to pay more, you can help others.)

Don't forget to book your meals first!

(in order to avoid waste and cater to your individual needs). Tel **07856 147324** by 5.00pm on the preceding Friday. See our Menus on this page, outside the Jubilee Rooms, and on the Gravel Community noticeboard.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT - Tel: 07485 350560

For residents in the Stogursey parish, our DBS-checked volunteer drivers can take you to a **medical appointment**, if you are unable to get there any other way. Payment by **cash donation**. Please note that we are all volunteers and sometimes we may not be able to fulfil your request, although we always do our very best.

We require 48 hours notice for all requests please. Medical Transport Tel only: 07485 350560 (please leave a clear message).

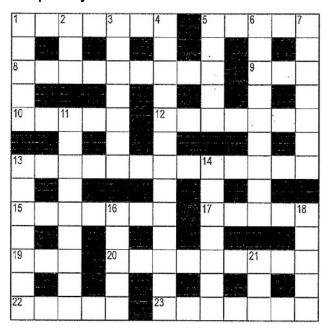
PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY

In addition, SCN volunteers collect **prescriptions** from the two local Health Centres and deliver these to the **SPAR/POST OFFICE** for collection. If your Surgery has designated you a housebound or home delivery patient, we will deliver to you at home. (Please Note: This is only for those patients who are unable to collect from the Surgery or the SPAR/PO.)

FOOD BANK / PANTRY ~ DONATIONS AND DELIVERIES

The SCN supports the work of the **Quantock Food Bank** and **Mobile Pantry**. We are always grateful for donations to the Foodbank collection box in the SPAR/Post Office. If you, or someone you know, need food assistance please contact us or the **Village Agent** (for a Foodbank referral) and/or **Home Start** (for families with young children). Phone Numbers are on the 'Contacts and Parish Information' page in this copy of Stogursey News. **The Mobile Pantry comes weekly (3pm on Tuesdays) to the Victory Hall car park for Pantry clients.**

Crossword No. 65 Compiled by Helen Cuttell



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Rich, deep red colour (7)
- 5. A bovine farm animal (5)
- 8. Cloth canopy which fills with air when sky diving (9)
- 9. Detective Chief Inspector (3)
- 10. South American semi-aquatic rodent (5)
- 12. Rock that has solidified from lava (7)
- 13. Australian actor and producer (4,9)
- 15. Creature that lives in muddy sand, often used as bait by fishermen (7)
- 17. Hawaiian parties or feasts (5)
- 19. Constrictor snake (3)
- 20. City in Northwestern Spain (9)
- 22. Places where birds rear their young (5)
- 23. Person from Liverpool (7)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Type of cotton used to stuff cushions (5)
- 2. Importer of Record (3)
- 3. Fail to resist temptation (7)
- 4. Units of distance used in maritime and aviation navigation (5,8)
- 5. Village in Somerset with miles of sandy coastline (5)
- 6. The nearest major galaxy to the Milky Way (9)
- 7. Matching cardigan and jumper (7)
- 11. Ottoman knives or short sabres (9)
- 13. Character in The Tempest, half human, half monster (7)
- 14. Capital of Sri Lanka (7)
- 16. English rock band formed in Manchester (5)
- 18. Ringo ---- (5)
- 21. National Union of Students (3)

Mobile & Home Aromatherapist

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Now that the colder autumnal weather is drawing in, the daylight is shortening and the darker evenings are setting in, sometimes, we can feel a little SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder), down or stressed and find ourselves pining for the warmer summer months that have now truly gone, as we move through the months of September/October.

If you are not a fan of the colder nights drawing in, or you are feeling like you might need a pick-me-up after a long summer, then why not consider having a gentle Aromatherapy massage or luxury holistic facial in your home or ours, with beautiful, pure essential oils to blow away the autumn chills? Massage can relax and rejuvenate you and can help you to feel more energised and able to cope with your everyday in a more positive light.

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Out in the deep wood, silence and darkness fall.

down through the wet leaves comes the October mist;

no sound, but only a blackbird scolding, making the mist and the darkness listen.

Peter Levi (1931 - 2000)





A Big Step Forward on Our **Outfall Tunnel**

One of our key 2025 milestones is completing the Outfall Tunnel - and our marine team has just reached a major moment.

They've successfully installed the Triple Point Connection - a huge 250-tonne structure that links three tunnels: one from Unit 1, one from Unit 2, and one leading out to sea. Together the tunnels safely transfer water into and out of the power station's condensers located in the turbine hall.

Lowered 42 metres into the Outfall Shaft by crane, this complex lift was guided by cameras instead of people on the ground for safety.

The next step is pouring concrete to lock it in place – moving us closer to completing the Outfall Tunnel in 2025.

In the swing

Three charities were the true winners when more than 150 HPC golfers teed off for the annual Purdie Cup at Taunton & Pickeridge Golf Club. They raised nearly £18,400 to be shared between Alzheimer's Society, our chosen charity partner, Prostate Cancer UK and Bridgwater Foodbank





Jobs Service

The Hinkley Point C Jobs Service Team helps connect local job seekers with companies working on the project by organising recruitment events.

For more information and to register for work, visit hpcjobsservice.edfenergy.com



School trips

The Hinkley Point C Visits team regularly arranges school trips to the construction site to help children learn more about the power station being built on their doorstep.

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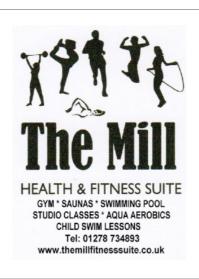
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Contacts and Parish Information

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Sue Goss(Chair), Chris Morgan (Vice-Chair), Richard Ayre, Chris Ford, Susan E Jones, Jenny Ody, Allan Searle

Clerk: Ann Corrigan:

clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

<u>Meetings</u>: held monthly in the Victory Hall, Stogursey 7.15pm - 7.30pm Public Forum for parishioners to ask questions;

7.30pm Councillors' meeting starts - parishioners welcome to attend and listen.

Somerset Council: Watchet & Stogursey Division Councillors: Hugh Davies, Rosemary Woods

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Somerset Council: All services 0300 123 2224

Parish Neighbourhood Welcome Pack

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2026 dates: 22 January; 19 February; 19 March

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If you see any ASB or criminal damage incidents happening in public spaces, **phone the police on 101.**

If you are disturbed by out-of-hours noise problems or ASB relating to businesses, **phone 01823 351411.**

Please make phone calls at the time of the disturbance. The more complaints that are received, the more likely it is that the police will respond.

Complainants' names are not given to the perpetrators.